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## RESOLUTION

concerning

### MICROCOMPUTER PROCUREMENT

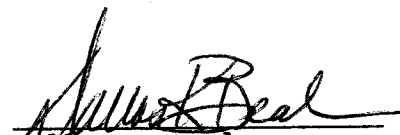
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- WHEREAS, There exist a large number of microcomputers on our campuses and a number of our campuses are beginning to do, or consider doing, their maintenance work in-house, and an unduly large number of brands of microcomputers makes the training of maintenance people difficult and requires a large and expensive stock of spare parts, and
- WHEREAS, The effective utilization of the microcomputers requires that faculty and staff be trained in their use and a large variety of brands makes such training costly and makes the movement of people and computers from office to office overly complex, and
- WHEREAS, To the extent possible, microcomputers should be capable of using the existing inventory of software, and
- WHEREAS, In many instances, site licenses for software are limited to a specific brand of microcomputer, and
- WHEREAS, User support, which must be accomplished with limited staffing is facilitated by reducing the number of brands of microcomputers with which such staff must be familiar, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the brands of microcomputers purchased by Connecticut State University shall be standardized on the following: Apple, Digital Equipment Corporation, International Business Machines, Tandy/Radio Shack and Zenith.

A Certified True Copy:



Dallas K. Beal  
President

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## MICROCOMPUTER PROCUREMENT POLICY

The campuses of the Connecticut State University need to be able to order specific brands of microcomputers and to limit their ordinary purchases to these brands for the following reasons:

1. Maintenance. Given the large number of microcomputers on many of our campuses, a number of our campuses are beginning to do maintenance work inhouse. We need to limit the brands of microcomputers purchased so that we do not have to train our maintenance people on an unduly large number of brands of microcomputers, or maintain a stock of spare parts for an unduly large number of different brands.
2. Training. An important part of the computerization of our campuses involves training of faculty and academic staff so as to insure that the computers we buy will be put to use effectively. By restricting the number of brands of microcomputers in general use on our campus, we are able to reduce our training costs significantly.
3. Software. We have already developed a large software library for specific brands of microcomputers currently on campus. It is necessary that we plan our purchases of microcomputer equipment so as to insure that software currently available on our campuses will be compatible with new equipment purchased.
4. Transportability of software, data, peripherals, and personnel. It is important that we maintain a standardization of operation of our microcomputer equipment so that we can easily move software, data, peripherals, and personnel from one office to another. Limiting microcomputer brands available on campus helps us achieve this goal.
5. Site licensing. In many instances, site licenses are limited to a specific brand of microcomputer. By reducing the number of microcomputer brands on campus, we are in a better position to reduce the cost of site licenses.
6. User support. By reducing the number of brands of microcomputers available on campus, we are better able to focus the training of our limited support staffs and in this way, provide better services for our users, be they administrators, faculty, students, or staff.

In view of these overall considerations, we have decided to standardize on the following brands of microcomputers: Apple, DEC, IBM, Tandy/Radio Shack and Zenith.

The reason for the choice of most of these is the currently installed base of these specific brands on our campuses.

IBM is necessary because of the large amount of software available for IBM PCs, because it sets the de facto standards for the industry, and because their equipment is the make which our students are most likely to encounter on the job.

DEC is important because of our extensive use of VAXs and other DEC minicomputers, and because of the large installed base of DEC computer equipment on our campuses.

Apple products are needed because of their major use in primary and secondary education, and thus their importance to our Schools of Education, because of the larger amount of software available for these machines, and because of the large amount of graphics and similar applications available on these machines.

Zenith and Tandy/Radio Shack equipment are important because of their position as PC compatibles and because of the large installed base of these machines on some of our campuses.



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Hon. Steve Negri, Commissioner  
Department of Administrative Services  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Negri:

This letter is written to request consideration of the recently passed Connecticut State University Board resolution, attached, as a standard purchasing policy for microcomputers for the University system. Pursuant to section 4-123 of the Connecticut General Statutes, we request that this resolution be presented to the Standardization Committee and approved as policy for application within our system.

Attached to the resolution is the justification used by the Board of Trustees as a rationale for passing the resolution. If any other information is necessary, please do not hesitate to call me.

We are very interested in expeditious approval of this policy by the Standardization Committee. In this year's budget, we received a substantial increase in funding from the Legislature specifically for academic computing. A large portion of this money will be spent for microcomputers and accessories. We would like to have approval of this policy and any competitive bidding done so that we might have equipment in place for use early in the fall academic semester.

If approval is forthcoming for this policy from the Standardization Committee we will need the assistance of the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Purchases, Office of Resources and Facilities Planning, in conducting a bidding process to select one or more vendors to provide these lines of equipment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Encl.

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